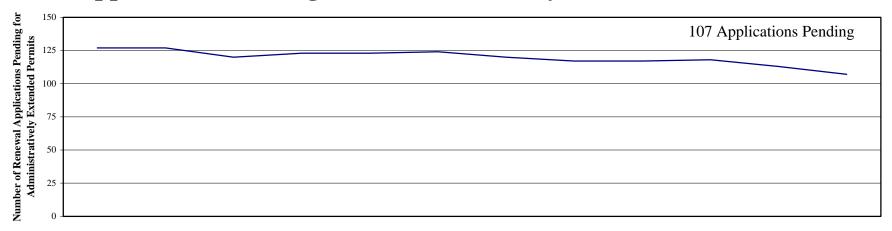
## **Office of Water Quality**

## National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Renewal Renewal Applications Pending for Administratively Extended (Admin Ext) Permits



	Jan '01	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Admin Ext Permits Issued													
Each Month	0	2	0	2	5	1	0	2	5	4	2	1	24
Backlog: Renewal Applications Pending for Admin Ext Permits	127	127	120	123	123	124	120	117	117	118	113	107	
(Not Yet Public Noticed)													
Monthly Total # of Still													1
"Active" Permits With													
Applications Already On File	61	66	65	51	50	66	55	61	56	48	55	47	
Admin Ext Permits Public													
Noticed Each Month	1	4	10	12	12	7	3	7	3	8	1	9	
Monthly Total # of Draft													
Permits Which Have Been													
Public Noticed One or More													
Times	45	47	62	47	53	48	51	44	42	40	40	44	

Note: The term "backlog" of NPDES permit applications includes only those permits which have been administratively extended after a renewal application was submitted in a timely manner (prior to the expiration of the permit), but for which a draft permit has not yet been placed on public notice. The NPDES backlog (shown on the chart and on line 2 [the second line] of the table) has been reduced from approximately 673 in January 1998, to the number currently displayed on the chart. Renewal applications are due 180 days prior to the expiration of the permit. Thus, a number of applications already are on file with the Office of Water Quality for permits which are still "active" and therefore not yet considered part of the backlog (see line 3). Once a draft permit has been placed on public notice, it no longer is considered as "backlogged" because final issuance can be delayed by the applicant or other interested parties. Line 4 shows the number of permits on public notice each month. Line 5 (at the bottom of the table) shows the total number of administratively extended draft permits which have been public noticed, but have not yet been issued. This chart is a subset of the "Permit Renewals Pending" chart on the previous page.